

CLAIMS

1. A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a blind frame having a generally planar vertical frame capable of being secured to the side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame having upper and lower canopy support arms extending laterally from the frame away from the tree and a seat extending laterally from a lower portion of the frame away from the tree below the lower canopy support arms; and,

a canopy supported on the upper and lower canopy support arms, the canopy having an open bottom with a lower edge hanging below the seat.

2. The blind of claim 1, wherein the blind frame has a spaced pair of upper canopy support arms and a spaced pair of lower canopy support arms, the lower canopy support arms being spaced a distance greater than the upper canopy support arms.

3. The blind of claim 2, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend laterally from the vertical frame a distance greater than the upper canopy support arms.

4. The blind of claim 3, wherein the canopy has a generally triangular front opening corresponding to the spacing of the upper and lower support arms, the triangular front opening being angled rearwardly and upwardly toward the frame.

5. The blind of claim 4, wherein the canopy has an upper canopy portion located above the seat and defining the generally triangular front opening, and a lower closable canopy portion extending laterally beyond the upper canopy portion.
6. The blind of claim 1, wherein the upper and lower canopy support arms are movable from their laterally extended positions to storage positions generally flat against the frame.
7. The blind of claim 6, wherein the upper canopy support arms have vertically-extendable portions movable up and down relative to the vertical frame, and lateral portions rotatable against and away from the vertical frame.
8. The blind of claim 6, wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on the frame for rotation about a horizontal axis in the plane of the frame.
9. The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms have horizontally-extendable portions movable inwardly and outwardly along the horizontal axis relative to the frame to adjust the width of their spacing.
10. The blind of claim 9, wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on vertically-rotatable bases mounted on the frame, the vertically-rotatable bases being rotatable about a vertical axis in the plane of the frame.

11. The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms have laterally extendable end extensions.

12. The blind of claim 1, wherein the vertical frame includes backpack straps.

13. The blind of claim 12, wherein the vertical frame includes a packbag.

14. The blind of claim 3, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend laterally away from the vertical frame a distance greater than the seat.

15. The blind of claim 1, wherein the seat can be moved to a storage position against the frame.

16. The blind of claim 1, wherein the lower end of the canopy hangs below the frame.

17. The blind of claim 6, further including a climbing device attached to the blind frame, the climbing device having a horizontal frame portion extending laterally from the blind, an angled frame portion with a tree gripping member extending behind the blind frame, the blind frame connecting spaced portions of the horizontal frame portion and the angled frame portion.

18. The blind of claim 17, wherein the horizontal frame portion includes a seat spaced from the blind frame.

19. A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a generally vertical backpack frame with means for readily deploying and collapsing arms attached to a backpack frame for supporting a flexible covering;

a readily deployable and collapsible roof support means attached to the frame for supporting the flexible covering;

and a means for attaching the backpack frame to a vertical upright structure.